

WORLD OF RADIO #1256, produced December 8, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

- \*Interview with me to air on HCJB DX Partyline starting December 11; Spanish version already last week on Aventura Diexista, audio here: <http://www.worldofradio.com/espanol.html>
- \*Nets to You December edition: <http://w4uvh.net/nets2you.html>
- \*World Radio TV Handbook 2005 published December 8, bible of SW broadcasting community, as complete as it can possibly be; order from usual retailer, or via <http://www.wrth.com>
- \*Incredible mediumwave DX lately, pipeline from Iran to northeast America; and Africa too. VOA Sao Tome, 1530, at 0300 can override WSAI Cincinnati in SE Pennsylvania
- \*5005 at 0505 UT until 0600 fade, R. Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial, testing, had been inactive; not heard in evenings; or on 5004
- \*V. of Nigeria on 9690 ex-7255, evenings, English 1910-1924; 2205 vernacular, 2302\*; English to French at 2100. 0800-1000 also 9690 ex-7255, tho clashes DW Antigua
- \*R. Nigeria, Ibadan, back on 6049.88, 2033, ID at 2110, off at 2145, horribly distorted
- \*V. of Biafra, clandestine on 7380, Sat only from \*2100 in English from Washington DC, via South Africa, heard in Scotland, also NAM
- \*Chad on 6165 heard 0530-0550 in French; in Italy at 1820-1830 overriding Croatia
- \*Chad on MW 840v with 20 kW heard in Europe, \*0425, 2231\*; a split frequency in Europe
- \*R. Shabele, Somalia, 6960 at 1820
- \*R. Peace, Sudan, 4750, listed 1 kW, but excellent signal in Michigan at 0312, nearly as strong as WWCR 3210; increased power?
- \*DXLD 4-181 has article from Egypt, that Voice of Egypt is in Danger; staff in different departments object to plans to cease various services, especially to Africa; also in 4-181, complete new transmission schedule in all languages, many destined to be cut
- \*R. Cairo reception problems include English to North America at 2300-2430 on 7115 in hamband, also clashing with RFE in Serbo-Croatian
- \*V. of Turkey on new 5960, English to NAM at 2300, clear of interference, and very good in the east
- \*As of Dec 2, plan is still to stop Kol Israel SW at yearend; two antennas fell down due to storm and not to be repaired unless SW gets a reprieve. Pretending SW schedule continues until March, so SW can be cancelled with as little fanfare or protest as possible
- \*Have they worn us out with all the previous threats to close and letter-writing campaigns? Goodwill abroad steadily diminishing
- \*In New England, pipeline from Mideast included Iran on 1503, at 0030, audio matched to IRIB streaming audio channel 1, Bushehr, 100 kW; also R. Sawa, Kuwait, 1548; heard too in Ontario, Pennsylvania
- \*unID on 7530 until 1900\* likely R. Pakistan, not Hargeysa, Somalia, but the latter if active is scheduled 0330 or 0400-0600, 1500-2000
- \*All India Radio news in English at 2335 on 9425, domestic service,

but could be taken for North American service, very good signal

- \*IBC Tamil, via Uzbekistan at 0000-0100 on 7450, ex-7460
- \*V. of Korea, new schedule from Dec 1, in DXLD 4-180, including some new frequencies, such as 7100, setting of European ham intruder-watchers, at 1800-2100; also new, 6285, 13-21 to Europe, 10-13 to SE Asia
- \*New clandestine for Vietnam, R. Que Me, via Tashkent, 15385, at 1200; <http://www.queme.net> indicates Action for Democracy in Vietnam and Vietnam Committee on Human Rights, based in France, Buddhist group
- \*Catholic Radio Network, Papua New Guinea, 4960, at 1118-1145 in Florida
- \*VL8A, Alice Springs no longer 24 hours on 4835, back to switching to 2310 at 0830
- \*VOA still running Botswana on 7415, 0300-0500 clashing with WBCQ, tho missing from some schedules
- \*WBCQ no longer using Kennebunk address, but 274 Britton Road, Monticello ME 04760
- \*Interview with Marion Webster, of the Attic at <http://www.wbcq.com>
- \*The media magazine you monitor with your mind, WOR 1256, P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702, USA, or woradio at yahoo.com Much more at <http://worldofradio.com>
- \*Thanks this week for financial support go to Eric Floden
- \*KAIJ Dallas about to break away from all-Gene-Scott-all-the-time; <http://www.kaij.org> says they want to add Christian programming in Spanish especially to Cuba; and want to replace star on Cuban flag with Christian cross; 5755 night, 13815 daytime, but latter no good for Cuba, 5 kHz from Radio Marti and all that jamming
- \*WMLK, Pennsylvania on 9265.53, \*1600-2100\*, heard as far away as Tasmania, but undermodulated
- \*Restoration folks have not restored KVOH transmitter from putting out horrible spurs at multiples of plus and minus 147 kHz from 17775: we heard on 17922, 17628, 18069, 17481, 17334, 18216; 17922 [not 17927] would block air to ground communications
- \*RFPI expects to have at least one SW station by mid to late 2005; donations still needed via PayPal at <http://www.rfpi.org> or to: Keep the Airwaves Free, RFPI Return Fund, P O Box 3165, Newberg OR 97132
- \*Arizona State University has unlicensed KASU on 1260 in Tempe, range 20 miles
- \*Heard in Flagstaff AZ, Fox Sports Radio on 1650, also unlicensed and unlisted; KBXZ has street address and phone number; more at <http://www.foxsports1650.com> -- operating commercially, glorified part 15, way overpowered
- \*WSSR, 1700, pirate in Buffalo NY heard in daytime, hip-hop
- \*WCBG [1590], Chambersburg PA finally closed down after problems with city over RF burns at nearby watertower
- \*unID on 520 in Lake Michigan area with Republic Broadcasting Network; could be image or mixing product. Anyone else hearing it?
- \*Air America about to get major new affiliate, WSAI, 1530, Cincinnati,

by end of December; maybe will turn off IBOC, with talk ex-music?

- \*Court TV series First Amendment Project with Sundance channel; first episode, Fox vs Al Franken, repeated UT Mon Dec 13 at 0400 and 0800
- \*Radio Out of Thin Air, on History Channel's Modern Marvels, Fri Dec 10 at 1800 and 2100 UT, Sat 0000 and 0300; check local listings
- \*New Metropolitan Opera season from Saturday Dec 11, with new host, first woman, and only third announcer since 1931, Margaret Juntwait of WNYC
- \*3219.83 at 2210 with faint music heard in Michigan, likely new CHSL Toronto, 1610 x 2, which is slightly off frequency to low side
- \*BBC cutting 2900 jobs to save 320 megapounds, mostly domestic service administration departments, but to put more into programming
- \*R. Netherlands adding special frequencies in Dutch Sat Dec 11 0800-1300 for live coverage of Prince Bernhard's funeral; see DXLD 4-183 or Media Network blog
- \*World Music Radio, 5815, Denmark's only SW station, may not make much further progress, since Stig Hartvig Nielsen has been appointed to BOD of Danmarks Radio; WMR continuing with tests Fri 1600-0700 Mon
- \*R. Romania International has secondary transmitter site with 50 kW at Saftitza, both it and main site using 7130 at 1800, one in Aromanian, the other in English
- \*V. of Greece to replace 11750 with 9775 from Dec 11 at 1200-1500 via Delano; VOG heard in UK on 18840 = 2 x 9420 at 1233
- \*Maritime net on 6224-USB, heard at 0041 past 0100 with Summer Passage, Don Anderson, talking about weather in Sea of Cortez; see <http://www.trailersailor.com> and <http://www.cruisecortez.com>
- \*Planned 1570 outlet for R. Marti in Turks & Caicos probably not on until late Spring; 2-tower array with 240 degree lobe, leased from RVC 530 which holds the license; north end of South Caicos at former USCG base
- \*New R. Angulo, CKMO from Holguin, Cuba heard on 740
- \*Bjoern Malm tips with audio clips at <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> include: HJJF, R. Popular, Cali, Colombia 5399.62, mornings and evenings, 4 x 1080
- \*Also, 5999.29, La Voz del Upano, Lago Agrio, Ecuador has new transmitter, relaying FM 99.3
- \*R. Paucartambo, Peru, 6520.33, back on air at 0030; had been reported to have turned in SW license last July
- \*Rdif. Pocos [pronounced PO-suss] de Caldas, Brasil, again heard at 2331 on 4945
- \*Sorry Everybody website has Americans apologizing for election of Bush, thousands of jpgs, and foreigners expressing solidarity and accepting apologies, <http://sorryeverybody.com>
- \*In northern latitudes, MW stations may be heard at midday with residual skywave propagation this time of year
- \*Propagation outlook from Boulder December 7; flux range 90-105-90
- \*That's World of Radio 1256; standard disclaimer. I'm Glenn Hauser ###